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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT AND METHOD OF FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYER OF

THE LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.